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RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 13, 2012 NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

MAIL STOP: ISSUE FEE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

February 28, 2012

Sir:

A Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (NCAP) was mailed on February 13, 2012 in connection with the above-identified matter. The NCAP indicated that pages 4, 5 and 6 of the specification are missing from the Office's file and requested that Applicants provide these missing pages. Furthermore, the NCAP indicated that the "Brief Description only includes Figs. 1-3, but should include Figs. 1-9."

On February 23, 2012, Applicants' representative spoke by telephone to Kelly Young, of the Office's Applications Assistance Unit, concerning the above-noted Notice. The Service Request No. provided by Ms. Young for the telephone conversation is 1-204731563. Applicants' representative informed Ms. Young that Applicants' files indicated that the complete specification was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 12/24/92. In that regard, Applicants have attached to this paper the stamped Mail Room copy of the letter

accompanying the original filing, along with a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed 2/11/93 indicating that <u>only the oath or declaration was missing from the application</u>. Ms. Young advised that only the missing pages (i.e., pages 4-6 of the specification) need to be submitted in response to the Notice. (Applicants note these pages include the figure descriptions identified in the NCAP as absent.)

Accordingly, in response to the NCAP, Applicants submit herewith pages 4-6 of the specification as filed, the stamped mail room copy of letter accompanying original filing dated 12/24/92 and the Notice of Missing Parts dated 2/11/93. No new matter is being added.

The Office is invited to telephone the undersigned if it is deemed to expedite issuance of the patent.

No fee is believed due in connection with the filing of this paper. However, if any fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Pages 4, 5 and 6 of specification as filed

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Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed 2/13/12